

EXHIBIT A

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John,

Also, please advise if you will accept service for TP-Link.

Thanks,

Ray

On Feb 1, 2021, at 7:42 PM, John Johnson <jjohnson@fr.com> wrote:

Ray, what do you mean by “attorneys involvement”? And also, “close out the issue of whether due process was met?” The motion raised legal issues and does not implicate any fact disputes. -John

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No.

We need a stipulation regarding the attorneys involvement first. Or we need to do additional discovery to close out the issue of whether due process was met with service on the attorneys or the US sub.

On Feb 1, 2021, at 5:51 PM, John Johnson <jjohnson@fr.com> wrote:

Ray, can we confirm that you can get your opposition to our motion by February 11? - John

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Let's discuss this, as I'm not sure I'm understanding. Our motion is based on the premise that the Hague Convention is mandatory (and that substitute service was not available), so not sure how we can stipulate that we got "served" via substitute "service." We can certainly stipulate that Plaintiff did what it did (e.g., sent an email) we did something (e.g., received an email with some papers), but we can't stipulate that those facts satisfied the law on service of process. That's the whole point of our motion, we are saying that what Plaintiff did is not legally valid.

-John

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Understood.

We may also seek a stipulation regarding the service as well. We will draft it up and send it to you early next week. If your client doesn't want to stipulate that it was served via the substitute service, then we may need to do a short depo. We understand the defendant's position that the substitute service should not have been authorized. We just want to make sure there is no dispute that they were served according to the Court's order.

- Ray

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Ok, let us know - I had proposed a week out in view of the comment that Plaintiff didn't serve the jurisdictional discovery to delay our motion, and it seems like a reasonable time frame given that our motion does not involved contested fact issues, and also, because you've been through this Hague stuff a number of times before. But if you need the full two weeks from the time we served our discovery responses, that's fine too. Glad we could figure out the jurisdictional stuff, and it would be good if we can confirm the briefing schedule as well.

-John

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John,

Doubtful we will have our response done by next Friday. We are reviewing as discussed.

Agreed with the remaining positions.

- Ray

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[-Steve Smerek]

Ray,

On the Hague Motion briefing, please let us know if one week out works for opposing our motion. That would bring the opposition brief to February 5. Let me know if that works.

As for the case schedule, we understand that Plaintiff opposes any modification to the Court's standard schedule. (We had proposed on our call consideration of a deferred schedule to allow our motion to be briefed and considered first, before contentions). Also, you confirmed that Plaintiff does not agree with any stay of the schedule while the Hague motion, and will oppose any motion on it.

Thanks. -John

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Ray and I spoke today about jurisdictional discovery and it looks like we can short circuit this. TP-Link China does not contest that it got the complaints shortly after Plaintiff filed, as explained in its interrogatory responses (attached).

Ray, I will reach out separately about Hague Motion briefing that we discussed.

Thanks. -John

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Thank you. Please keep me posted.

Regards,

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All – Ray and I are planning to chat soon to see if we can short circuit all of this.

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Stephen,

Please let us know if you are available to meet and confer in these issues before we file a motion to compel.

Thanks,

Ray

On Jan 22, 2021, at 6:19 PM, ssmerek@foley.com wrote:

TO: All counsel of record in the above-referenced actions –

Attached please find Foley & Lardner LLP's Objections to Document Subpoena to Foley & Lardner LLP.

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